

and among his fellow teachers, his presence at Libbey will be sorely missed.

Mr. Speaker, the profession of education is not merely a job, it is a lifestyle. My appreciation for teachers runs deep. And my appreciation for dedicating one's life to the advancement of education runs deeper. John McKee has effectively displayed a commitment to his community. John's passion for education is what makes him a model citizen of the Fifth District.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in paying special tribute to John Reagan McKee for thirty years of success as an educator. On behalf of the people of the Fifth District of Ohio, I am proud to recognize John McKee's great achievement. We wish John and his family all the best as we pay tribute to one of Ohio's finest citizens.

#### HONORING OVERSTOCK.COM FOR THEIR EFFORTS IN AFGHANISTAN

#### HON. CHRIS CANNON

OF UTAH

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 22, 2004*

Mr. CANNON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize a Utah company for the help it has given to the recently freed people of Afghanistan.

Overstock.com, founded in 1999, is one of Utah's best performing companies and a leader in liquidating excess inventory through the Internet. For nearly five years, Overstock.com has operated on principles of value investing and fair deals, which is why it has become a leader on the Internet.

Overstock.com has also done great work abroad as well. Worldstock is the socially responsible goods department of Overstock.com that contracts with skilled craftspeople in developing countries and helps them sell their products. I am proud to say that this Utah based company is now Afghanistan's largest private employer. The Ministry of Commerce in Afghanistan reported that Worldstock has made it possible for 1,400 Afghans—90 percent of them women—to earn a living. This is a quite a feat, considering that just a few short years ago Afghans, especially women, were living under the oppressive Taliban regime.

In Afghanistan, Overstock.com has been able to utilize technology to provide employment for this developing country. Overstock.com has given Afghans the skills needed for long-term business success. Additionally, Overstock.com has said that it will not make a profit of more than one percent on goods sold through its Worldstock division. This policy has allowed women, prevented from working under the Taliban regime, to now flourish. Global trade and commerce are now a reality to the Afghani people thanks in part to the efforts of Overstock.com.

I would also like to recognize the founder and CEO of Overstock.com, Dr. Patrick Byrne. Being a three-time cancer survivor has not slowed down his altruism, productivity or creativity. It is Dr. Byrne's vision that drives Overstock.com and its work in Afghanistan. In 2003, Dr. Byrne hired Neelab Kaniska, an Afghan woman who fled her homeland when she was a child, to manage Worldstock. This position allowed Neelab to return to her native country and work with local artisans and pro-

vide them with the technological tools that now employ over 1500.

Overstock.com and Dr. Patrick Byrne understand the importance of all markets whether it is the individual consumer, small business owner, or an artisan in a developing country. I applaud their efforts and their representation of Utah, American business, and the American spirit.

#### IN MEMORY OF NEIL HAVENS

#### HON. ELTON GALLEGLY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 22, 2004*

Mr. GALLEGLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the memory of Neil Havens, former postmaster of my hometown of Simi Valley, California, and a man for whom community was family and who epitomized the spirit of Simi Valley.

Neil Havens died peacefully Friday at the age of 74 in his favorite chair in the home he and his wife, Pat, moved into soon after they married in 1951. A fourth-generation Simi Valley native, Neil was appointed postmaster by President Dwight Eisenhower, taking over from his father, Charles Reuben Havens. His grandfather, Charles Albert Havens, also delivered the post in Simi Valley.

And while his 30-year reign as postmaster guaranteed him a place in Simi Valley's history, it was Neil's commitment to community that guaranteed him a place in the hearts of all who knew him.

Neil Havens was a longtime Rotarian. He served as president of the Rotary Club of Simi Valley twice. He was one of the founding members of the Simi Valley Education Foundation. He served on the board of the Simi Valley Cultural Arts Center Foundation. He was a member of the Salvation Army Disaster Team. He raised money for Simi Valley Hospital. He was active in the U.S. Naval Reserve. And the list goes on.

But that is not what people talk about when they talk about Neil Havens. They talk about his firm handshake and his ready smile framed by a trademark jawline beard. They talk about how many friends he had and how he called every week. They talk about how their lawn was mysteriously mowed when they fell ill, to find out later that it was Neil who wielded the mysterious mower. They talk about how he visited sick friends every day they were ill and looked after their family once they passed.

Neil Havens defined community as family. And Neil looked after his family.

Neil is survived by his wife, Pat, herself a community icon. She and Neil graduated together from Simi Valley High School in 1947 and raised three children in Simi Valley, Debra, Barbara and Russ. The City Council named Pat as Simi Valley's first City Historian while I was mayor of the city, a post she still holds along with Director of the Strathearn Historical Park and Museum.

In addition, Neil is survived by four grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, I know my colleagues join me in sending our condolences to Pat Havens, their children and grandchildren, and pause in remembering a man whose family extended far beyond the bonds of blood and whose life embraced all who knew him. Godspeed, Neil.

#### INTRODUCTION OF H.R.\_\_\_\_, THE LIBERTY LIST

#### HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 22, 2004*

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, in presenting the 2003 State Department Human Rights Report Secretary of State Colin Powell declared, "We join in solidarity with courageous men and women all over the world who strive to advance human rights and democratic values within their own countries and throughout the international community." Today, I introduce the Liberty List Act that will highlight those courageous men and women and reinforce the special significance of freedom, democracy, and human rights in American foreign policy.

The Liberty List will be an independent annual report issued by the State Department to highlight the work of individuals and organizations, including the media, who promote the development of liberty, democracy, and respect for human rights. In addition to honoring these individuals and organizations for their important contributions to their societies, the Liberty List will draw attention to the conditions against which the honorees struggle and will offer some protection for honorees by identifying them to the international community. A few individuals and groups, such as Aung San Suu Kyi and her National League for Democracy NLD, are known around the world for their struggle. Yet, for every individual who is known to the international community, there are many other heroes who deserve recognition and support as they risk their own lives for the improvement of others'.

The Liberty List is fundamentally different from the existing State Department Report on International Religious Freedom and the annual Country Reports on Human Rights Practices. Current reports focus on the human rights records of national governments; they deal with the imposition of state power. The Liberty List, in contrast, will spotlight individuals and organizations who are working against that power to build freedom, democracy, and respect for human rights.

Leaders in the struggle for freedom and democracy around the world deserve recognition for the sacrifices and their struggles. It is through the work individuals, who struggle at the local and national levels to improve the lives of their families, friends, and neighbors, that democracy, freedom, and human rights will prevail. The Liberty List Act will establish a means by which the United States can honor these men and women as they strive to make the world a better, safer place.

I urge my colleagues to join me as cosponsors of this legislation.

#### THE CASE OF THE HUNGARIAN GOLD TRAIN

#### HON. JOSÉ E. SERRANO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 22, 2004*

Mr. SERRANO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to discuss an important issue of justice for Holocaust survivors: the saga of the Hungarian Gold Train, and the role played by the United States government.